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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

The present Continuation Application was filed on June 28, 2001. Entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

In the specification:

On pages 2-3, in the paragraph on lines 31-42 and lines 1-6, the text has been amended to read:

--Induction of various cellular responses mediated by such TNF family cytokines is believed to be initiated by their binding to specific cell receptors. Two distinct TNF receptors of approximately 55-kDa (TNFR1) and 75-kDa (TNFR2) have been identified [Hohmann et al., J. Biol. Chem., 264:14927-14934 (1989); Brockhaus et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 87:3127-3131 (1990); EP 417,563, published March 20, 1991] and human and mouse cDNAs corresponding to both receptor types have been isolated and characterized [Loetscher et al., Cell, 61:351 (1990); Schall et al., Cell, 61:361 (1990);